

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
10

11 HEIDI KELLERHALS,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 MAIRA RUELAS, et al.,

15 Defendants.
16

No. 1:20-CV-01279-NONE-EPG

SCREENING ORDER

ORDER FINDING SERVICE OF
COMPLAINT APPROPRIATE AND
FORWARDING SERVICE DOCUMENTS TO
PLAINTIFF

(ECF No. 1)

17 On August 8, 2020, Plaintiff Heidi Kellerhals ("Plaintiff"), proceeding *in forma pauperis*,
18 filed the complaint commencing this action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The Court has screened
19 Plaintiffs' complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B) and finds that the complaint
20 sufficiently states cognizable claims against Defendants Ruelas, Gonzalez and Tulare County
21 under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 to proceed past the screening stage. The Court also finds the complaint
22 appropriate for service of process.

23 Accordingly, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 24 1) Service is appropriate for the following defendants:
- 25 a. Maira Ruelas
 - 26 b. Brennan Gonzalez
 - 27 c. Tulare County

28 ///

- 1 2) The Clerk of Court shall SEND Plaintiffs three (3) USM-285 forms; three (3) summons; a
2 Notice of Submission of Documents form; an instruction sheet; and one (1) copy of the
3 complaint filed on September 6, 2020 (ECF No. 1).
- 4 3) Within **thirty (30) days** from the date of service of this order, Plaintiff shall complete the
5 attached Notice of Submission of Documents and submit the completed Notice to the Court
6 with the following documents:
- 7 a. A completed summons for each Defendant;
 - 8 b. A completed USM-285 form for each Defendant; and
 - 9 c. Four (4) copies of the complaint filed on September 6, 2020 (ECF No. 1).
- 10 4) Plaintiff need not attempt service on Defendants and need not request waiver of service.
11 Upon receipt of the above-described documents, the Court will direct the United States
12 Marshals Service to serve Defendants pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4 without
13 payment of costs.
- 14 5) Alternatively, Plaintiff may serve any or all Defendants herself. If Plaintiff chooses this
15 option, Plaintiff shall notify the Court within **thirty (30) days** that she will be serving any or
16 all Defendants with the assistance of her counsel.

17
18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

19 Dated: September 10, 2020

20 /s/ Eric P. Gray
21 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
22
23
24
25
26
27
28